

THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHISM

death ; and a block, with the axe and other ghastly imple of the executioner's craft, was solemnly set up in the Piazz-Pietro. A general sense of alarm and expectancy pervad< Eternal City.

There were sixteen cardinals then in Rome, of whom te French, four Italians, one an immediate subject of the Enr and one a Spaniard. They were divided into three partie; Limousin, the French, and the Italian factions. The Lir faction was composed of prelates connected by birth or oth with the families of Clement VI, Innocent VI, and Grego and who desired to elect one of their own number to ca the bad traditions that had put the ecclesiastics of their OTC at the head of the ^clerical world. To it belonged the C; of Limoges (Jean de Cros), the Cardinal of Poitiers (G Malesset), the Cardinal of Marmoutier (Gerard du Cardinal Guillaume d'Aigrefeuille, Cardinal Pierre de V who were all Limousins, and the Cardinal of Viviers (Pie Sortenac), who was a Cahorsine. The Cardinals of Vivie of Poitiers seem to have been the candidates most favou this group. Opposed to them was the so-called French f which included the Cardinal of Glandeves (Bertrand Lagier Cardinal of Sant' Eustachio (Pierre Flandrin) ; the Card Sant' Angelo (Guillaume de Noellet) ; the Cardinal of B (Hugues de Montalais), an Angevin by birth, who ha< chancellor of Brittany. To this latter faction also adher two strongest personalities of the Sacred College, though j of them was a Frenchman : Cardinal Robert of Gene^ butcher of the citizens of Cesena; and the Cardinal of A Pedro de Luna. Robert, younger son of Count Amedee Geneva, was connected by his grandmother, Agnes of with the royal house of France, and held the Archbisho Cambray. The special aim of this faction was to free the (from the domination of Limoges, even at the cost of elec Italian Pope, though their choice would by preference havt upon the Cardinal of Sant' Eustachio or Cardinal de >

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